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1. "The automobile road Tallinn-Märjamaa-Pärnu-Reinaste-Riga was finished in the summer of 1953 and transferred to the secret road class 'N-13'.
2. "In peacetime the automobile roads of class 'N-13' are under the authority of the GUSKODOR MVD SSSR (Glavnoe Upravlenie Shosseinykh Dorog MVD SSSR - Chief Administration of Highways). In wartime these roads are under the Chief Rear Authority of the War Ministry and are designated - 'VAD' (Voennno-Avtomobilnaia Doroga - military automobile roads).
3. "The minimum specifications for roads of class 'N-13' are:
 - (a) They must be fit for automobile traffic the year round;
 - (b) The breadth of the subgrade must be eight metres;
 - (c) The breadth of the driving way must be six metres;
 - (d) The radius of the turns must be 150 metres;
 - (e) The minimum frontal visibility must be 80 metres;
 - (f) Cars must be able to maintain on them a normal average velocity of 60 km.
 - (g) The bridges must be tested to sustain a weight of 60 tons.
4. "On the Tallinn-Pärnu-Riga road all the bridges were thus tested in autumn 1953. All military automobile traffic between Tallinn and Riga now uses this road. The road is built from local material and has a cover of gravel and road 'metal' about 10-15 cm thick. This road is permanently guarded by the 'MVD Road-Guarding and Checking Service' (Dorozhno-Okhrannaiia i Kontrolnaia Sluzhba MVD). There are permanent roadblocks at the entrances and exits at Tallinn, Märjamaa and Pärnu.

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5. "In autumn 1952 the construction of the military automobile road Murmansk-Litsa-Titovka Most-Petsamo was finished. The road is adapted for traffic the year round. Its technical specifications are:

Breadth of the subgrade - 9 metres
Breadth of the road - 6 metres
Road metal cover - 20 centimeters thick
Bridges tested to carry 100 tons."

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